



The Official Party.

beginning with 1911, so that one-half shall be chosen each two years.

on to the police statistics showing the

lands in the Islands of Negros, Panay and Cebu. They will provide for the full government guarantee authorized by Congress on 4 per cent bonds for a period of thirty years on 95 per cent of the cost of construction. There were no other bids for grants for these islands. The lines on Negros and Panay will aggregate one hundred miles each, and on Cebu ninety-five miles.

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SUFFERING IN JAPAN.

Official Advice Received by the State Department.

"Three of the northern provinces of Japan, namely, Miyagi, Fukushima and Iwate, with a population of 2,821,557, are confronting a famine, the worst since the disastrous one of 1840."

Thus reads an official dispatch from Yokohama received by the State Department and made public by the purpose of letting the American public know the extent of the suffering from the famine in Japan. The failure of the rice crop in these dis-

of nitro-glycerine, a bomb six inches long, a double-ended stiletto a foot long and six vials containing colorless liquids of unknown composition, were taken from the man before he was locked up. Three confederates of the Italian escaped.

In addition to the collection of explosives and liquids taken from the Italian he was found to have five \$100 confederate bills and a long, made for the purpose of cutting iron.

He gave his name as Frank Perigrin, thirty years of age, and said he was from Mississippi. According to the police he was on a "mission," and referred to the Mafia Society.

Trawler With Crew Lost.

LONDON, February 12.—The steam trawler Veronica, belonging to Stavanger, Norway, has been lost off Lissimouth, Elginshire, Scotland, with a crew of ten. She is disabled and in tow of the steam trawler Zodia, which ran aground.

The Veronica had a rotten boat, but within eighteen feet of the Zodiac a heavy sea capsized it and they were all lost.

The Veronica went down soon afterward.

It is also worthy of note that Buffalo, a city of 27 per cent more population and 5 per cent more property than Boston, has the ordinary purposes of city government 1 per cent less, and also that Pittsburgh, with 15 per cent more population and 10 per cent more property, should expend only 2 per cent more than Washington for the purposes of civil government. Boston, with 15 per cent more population and 10 per cent less the property, and one of the best governed cities in the United States, expended only one-half as much as Washington.

Baltimore, with nearly twice the population, more than twice the property, and nearly twice the population and more than twice the property in the world's history, expends but 24 per cent more than Washington, \$2,437,096 of \$10,000,000.

Deducting this fire expenditure, the percentage for ordinary expense for Baltimore is less than 9 per cent, and for Washington, St. Louis, double in population and nearly double in property,